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Dear Mr. Trice:

The Town of Brewster Select Board strongly opposes any plan by Holtec to release radioactive water from the decommissioned Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant into Cape Cod Bay at any time in the future.

Your published plan to release radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay, an environmentally-fragile area, presents an ecological and economic threat to the Town of Brewster, located on Cape Cod Bay, Brewster's residents, and visitors.

Your website states:

"Decommissioning is the process by which nuclear power plants are **safely retired from service**. The progression involves decontaminating the facility to reduce residual radioactivity, dismantling the structures, **removing contaminated materials to appropriate disposal facilities** and releasing the property for other uses. The owner remains accountable to the NRC until decommissioning has been completed and the agency has terminated its license."¹

Your website further states:

"Contaminated materials can be disposed of in two ways: decontaminated on site or removed and shipped to a waste processing, storage or disposal facility."²

Your proposal to discharge radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay is inconsistent with your own corporate assertions. Discharging radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay, designated as a State Ocean Sanctuary in 1970, will threaten the thousands of people who depend on Bay waters for aquaculture, recreation, business, and residential

¹ <https://holtecinternational.com/company/divisions/hdi/our-fleet/pilgrim/>

² <https://holtecinternational.com/company/divisions/hdi/our-fleet/pilgrim/>

purposes, and the discharge is a threat to the Bay's animal, finfish and shellfish populations as well as coastal and marine habitats.

We strongly oppose your proposal to discharge radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay and urge you to determine a safe and responsible method to manage the contaminated water at issue.

Sincerely,

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